



SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, May 28, 11:00 am

“Reconciliation & Resistance”

This Sunday, Rev. Christe Lunsford facilitates service as we conclude our exploration of this month’s Touchstone theme of Reconciliation. Erin Parish serves as worship associate, and James Chase provides our story for all ages. Please remember to bring a mask.

Live Stream

If you’re unable to attend, you may watch our live streaming service starting at 10:50 am this Sunday on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/UUGainesville>

Starting at 10:50 am each Sunday, you can use this link to go directly to the live broadcast:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSnQkwxBNGT-HIRLSg6IRfA/live>

GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE FOR THE CONGREGATION

The UUFG Board met on May 22, 2023. These are the highlights of the meeting. The Board voted to:

- Approve a credit card for our DRE;
- Continue masking in the Sanctuary during Sunday service;
- Open the “interim minister campaign” to the entire congregation and save the funds to support an interim minister;
- Approve Susan Christy as Chair of the 2024 UUFG Auction.

The Board also authorized Tim Christy to reconvene the search committee to explore other options, as our first round of the interim minister search did not produce a candidate.

SIGN A PETITION TO GET ABORTION RIGHTS ON THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Sunday, May 28, 12:00 pm

This Sunday, May 28, please sign a petition to protect abortion and reproductive rights in Florida. Look for Nancy Parkinson, who will be tabling after service during coffee hour.

Nancy reports, “A coalition of organizations led by Floridians Protecting Freedom is gathering petitions for a ballot amendment that would add language to the State constitution that ‘no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient’s health, as determined by the patient’s healthcare provider.’ The coalition includes the ACLU and Planned Parenthood.”

Nancy provides this link for those of you out of town where you can download print and send your petition directly to Floridians Protecting Freedom:

<https://floridiansprotectingfreedom.com/petition/>

GOVERNING BOARD AFFIRMS UUFG MASKING POLICY

At its May meeting, our Governing Board voted to continue our masking policy in order to maintain high levels of safety and “live into our values” as a Welcoming Congregation, centering the safety of those who are immunocompromised or at high risk.

Sunday services: We continue to ask attendees at our Sunday worship services to wear masks. If you don’t have a mask handy when you arrive, you can pick one up at our Welcome Table.

Other UUFG events: Attendees may agree to make masking optional. Please have a mask available as you arrive.

Non-UUFG events on our campus: We encourage masking. However masking is at the discretion of the event coordinator.



COMMON READ:
THE CLIMATE BOOK
 by Greta Thunberg
 Discussion #1
 Sunday, June 4, 3:00 pm

Please join our monthly conversations as we read this important anthology, incorporating work by an all-star cast of writers on climate.

Our first discussion is on Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Mary Bahr facilitates our review of *Part 1: How Climate Works, the Science*, pgs. 1-41.

Zoom link: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94464305998>

Subsequently, we'll have four more discussions held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm.

Alice Gridley will lead the discussion on Section 2 on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 pm on Zoom.

We are looking for discussion leaders for July, August and September. Check out the book, choose a section (3-5), and let Mary Bahr know which one you will do at kmlisle.mary@gmail.com.

More about The Climate Book

If you want the scientific language of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) translated for non-scientists, this is the book for you.

The Climate Book gathers the wisdom of over 100 experts, including geophysicists, oceanographers, meteorologists, engineers, economists, mathematicians, and indigenous leaders — all providing perspective on how we can combat climate disaster.

The book is available from local booksellers in hardback for \$30, on order from Amazon for \$24 (used copies available for less), as an e-book for \$15.99, and on Audible for \$30 or one credit.

QUUTE LUNCHEON
 Sunday, May 28, 12:30 pm

QUUTE, Queer UUs Together Eating, will meet Sunday, May 28 at 12:30 at Nopal on 34th Street. Anyone identifying as LGBTQ+ is welcome. RSVP at pmarino300@gmail.com. This will be our last gathering before a summer hiatus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Please wish “happy birthday” to Helena Boehling, Jeff Stevens and Daniel Slone!



Do you have a birthday this coming week, but aren't on our list? Please contact the office to let Cam know (uuoffice@uufg.org).

RECENT ATTENDANCE

Seventy-five people attended our May 21 Sunday service, while our online video recording shows 59 views.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
 SIGN UP ONLINE FOR
 COFFEE HOUR**

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer yourself, you and a few friends, your family, your committee (you get the idea) to host Coffee Hour. It's fun, easy, and so appreciated!

DOESN'T COST A DIME
 Reimbursement sheets are provided, and the reimbursement process is easy. Just save your receipts.

Questions? Contact Susan at susan.christy42@gmail.com

GAZETTE SUBMISSIONS: The Gazette is reserved for UUG business and concerns submitted to the office (email uuoffice@uufg.org) for editing by noon on Wednesdays. Please put “for Gazette” in your subject line. Your submissions will be posted up to three times, inserted on dates you indicate.

I AM GRATEFUL TO



A big thank you to the many volunteers from the **Questors Touchstone Group** who co-hosted last Sunday's UUFG Coffee Hour, including *Pat Caren, Mary Anthony, Tom Mareci, Kirsten Flamand, Becky Moulton* and *Debra Neill-Mareci*, with assistance from stalwarts *Hazel Hazlett* and *Lynn Jamieson*."

~ Susan Christe

Do you have a "gratitude" to share, expressing appreciation for someone working "behind the scenes" to make UUFG a warm and welcoming place? Please send an email to Cam Pierce at uuoffice@uufg.org.

UUFG CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28 —

- 10:00 am** Religious Education for Children & Youth (Classrooms 5 & 6)
- 10:00 pm** Parenting & Religion Class (Common Room — for info, contact Diana Hagan at atdiana.hagan@gmail.com)
- 12:00 pm** Children & Youth Religious Education Committee (Classroom 3)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 12:30 pm** QUUTE—Queer UU's Together Eating (Nopal Restaurant — to RSVP, contact Peter Marino at pmarino300@gmail.com)

Monday, May 29 — Memorial Day — Office Closed

- 3:00 pm** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall & Sanctuary)

Tuesday, May 30 —

- 8:30 am** Morning Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Diane DePuydt at diane.depuydt@gmail.com or Pete Turner at peteturner123@gmail.com)
- 8:00 pm** Silent Meditation (Zoom — for info, contact Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com)

Friday, June 2 —

- 12:30 am** Gainesville Bridge Club (Phillips Hall)

Saturday, June 3 —

- 10:00 am** Friends of the Courtyard (Common Room — for info, contact Peggy Maloney at maloney1952.pm@gmail.com)

Sunday, June 4 —

- 11:00 am** Messy Sunday (Playground — for info, contact James Chase at dre@uufg.org)
- 12:00 pm** Children & Youth Religious Education Committee (Classroom 3)
- 11:00 am** Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** Coffee Hour (Phillips Hall)
- 12:00 pm** Youth Group (Classroom 7)
- 3:00 pm** Social Justice Common Read (Zoom)



KINDLY SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE

HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE



Please talk to an usher for information.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Near our entrance, we have a "free pantry" box, which allows people to drop off or pick up food donations in our neighborhood.

Do you have some non-perishable food to share? The box is located near the entrance to our Fellowship.

Questions? Contact Cam in the office at uuoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669.

ONLINE GIVING TO UUFG

You can use our safe, online payment portal to make donations through our website.

Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXTK/home>

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesdays, 8:30 am

UUFG’s Mindfulness Meditation group continues offers meditation sessions every Tuesday from 8:30- 9:45 am via Zoom. The half-hour meditation practice is followed by reading and discussion of Buddhist teachings from several traditions. For information and the Zoom link, contact Diane DePuydt (diane.depuydt@gmail.com) or Pete Turner (peteturner123@gmail.com).

**UU VALDOSTA
MEDITATION**

Tuesdays, 8:00 pm by Zoom!

Our UU neighbors to the north have made their ongoing Tuesday evening meditations available to our Fellowship. Join their sessions Zoom at 8:00 pm each Tuesday, and at 8:10 pm they begin 30 minutes of silent meditation.

If you would like to join this meditation group or would like more information, please send a message directly to Carol Stiles at uuvaldosta@yahoo.com with “Meditation Tuesday” in the subject line. She will send you the Zoom link.

Thanks to Sunday Facilitators!		
	May 28	June 4
Outside Greeter	Wendy Visscher	
Welcome Table	Cindy Prabst Alice Primack	
Foyer Monitor	David Willkomm	Joseph Rowe
RE Monitor	Marilyn Roberts	Peggy Maloney
Ushers	Debra Neill-Mareci	Debra Neill-Mareci
Visitors Table	Wendy Visscher Alice Primack	
Audio-visual	Garrett Hecker	Garrett Hecker



FOOD4KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM COLLECTION

Each Sunday, we collect food to benefit our local Food4Kids Backpack Program, which provides children with non-perishable food that they can bring home to their families. We plan to continue this collection program through the spring.

The next time you attend service at UUFG, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item when you attend. Look for a cart near the entrance to our Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Chris Vulpe at cvulpe@mac.com.

Suggested Items:

- **Breakfast Items** — oatmeal packets, cereals
- **Canned/Boxed Goods** — beans, meats, pasta, soup, veggies
- **Snacks** — raisins, pretzels, fruit cups, pudding, peanut butter and jelly, etc.
- **Drinks** — shelf stable milk, juice boxes/pouches

LOST & FOUND

Prescription Eyewear

Please contact Cam in the office at uuoffice@uufg.org / 352-377-1669 if you recognize these as yours.

